



OREGON WEATHER

# Are hazy summer skies a new normal?



Smoke and haze from regional wildfires blanket the Portland area — again — on Tuesday. *Mark Graves, staff*

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## Back-to-back legal blows jolt presidency

President Donald Trump confronted one of the most perilous moments of his presidency Tuesday after two onetime members of his inner circle simultaneously were labeled “guilty” of criminal charges. Although Trump largely ignored the jarring back-to-back blows at a campaign rally in West Virginia, questions mounted about his possible legal exposure and political future.

**Former personal attorney Michael Cohen:** Cohen pleaded guilty in New York, saying he and Trump had arranged the payment of hush money to porn star Stormy Daniels and a former Playboy model to influence the election. It is this case that places Trump in the most jeopardy, legal experts said, as the longtime personal “fixer” acknowledged Trump’s role in a scheme to pay off women who accused the future president of sexual misconduct.

**Former campaign chief Paul Manafort:** Manafort was convicted in Virginia on eight of the 18 charges brought by special counsel Robert Mueller, who is investigating Russian interference in the 2016 election and potential obstruction of justice.

**Inside:** Much more on the verdict and the plea. **A13**

SPORTS

## A tale of two scrimmages

While Oregon firms up its depth chart after its scrimmage, OSU makes plans for a scrimmage in Bend. **B1**

FOOD

## A cool way to ‘cook’ in summer

Some heat-free options for meals when it’s too hot to fire up the grill or use the oven indoors. **C1**

## Smoky weather: It’s really bad here, worse in Southern Oregon, and this might be what summers will look like

**Kale Williams** *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

Portland choked and wheezed under putrid skies Tuesday, its residents breathing in its fourth day of unhealthy air in two weeks. People stayed indoors when they could, outdoor activities were canceled or moved inside, and the city generally operated as normal under skies tinged with brown.

But in Southern Oregon, where wildfire smoke has been a daily reality for more than a month in places such as Ashland and Medford, the impacts have been far greater.

Portland may consider itself lucky in comparison to other cities in the state, but experts say that luck will not hold. Severe wildfires, and the smoky skies that accompany them, will be far more common in the decades to come, and climate change, which will make summers hotter and drier, will greatly exacerbate their impact.

### SMOKE EXHAUSTS ASHLAND

If you want to get into the Ashland YMCA, you have to run a bit of a gantlet. After going through the front door, you weave through a series of twists and turns before reaching a

**SEE SMOKY, A12**

### Record tied

**Tuesday:** When the mercury cracked 90, it marked the 29th time this year for Portland, tying the record.

**Wednesday:** More haze, and a record-breaking 30th day over 90.

**Thursday:** Temperatures are headed for the 70s, and skies should start to clear.

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